

# You Can Check-out Big Books at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

Having fun with books is your specialty! Add a big book to the mix ... same story, same number of pages, but most measure 14" x 18" or larger. Now all of your little ones can see the story. At the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, Big Books check out for two weeks for anyone reading to groups of children. Call us and we will get your favorite title to the check-out desk for you to pick up at your convince (837-3466).

**Big Red Barn** by Margaret Wise Brown – This rhyming book spends the day with the animals that live in the big red barn.

**Born to Read** by Judy Sierra – A little boy at birth is read to, discovers he can read, and continues through life a reader who can do anything!

**Caps For Sale** by Esphyr Slobodkina – The peddler's caps have disappeared, and the monkeys are the prime suspects. How to get them back? Here is a traditional story that your older children will love to hear and act out.

**Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs** by Byron Barton – The classic dinosaur book, for the beginning fan.

**Down by the Station** Ill. by Jess Stockham – An extended version including many kinds of vehicles in addition to the train.

**Down in the Jungle** Ill. by Elisa Squillace – A fun song, with a catchy chorus for older kids to sing along. Holes in the pages revile animals to come and words gone by.

**Feathers for Lunch** by Lois Ehlert – The rhyming text follows the pet cat as he surveys many kinds of birds.

**Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed** by Eileen Christelow – There a lot of ways to present this rhyme, hand motions, flannel board, puppets, a play. Why not try presenting the same story many ways and use this big book as an introduction.

**Freight Train** by Donald Crews – Any young train buff, and you probably have several, will delight in the colors, cars and journey of this train.

**Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown – The rhyming text of this calming classic says goodnight to a child's world. Several nursery rhymes and folktales are referred to here and are begging to be further explored.

**Growing Frogs** by Vivian French – This big book is perfect for that spring unit on frogs!

**Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush** Ill. by Annie Kubler – This fun song is extended to include all of a child's day.

**I Like Me** by Nancy Carlson – A little pig builds self-esteem as she goes through her day.

**I Love Animals** by Flora McDonald – This story also comes as a board book, so you know it is right for the very young. The illustrations are striking.

**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Joffe Numeroff – This circle story is one in a beloved series of books. This title looks at the imagined results of a little boy giving a mouse a cookie.

**It Looked Like Spilt Milk** by Charles G. Shaw – This blue and white classic encourages a child to imagine what a cloud might look like. It also has a repeating line that draws the children into the experience. Lots of art project potential.

**King Bidgood's in the Bathtub** by Audrey Wood – A wonderful refrain rings out as each in the Court try to get the King out of the bath.

**The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and The Big Hungry Bear** by Don and Audrey Wood – Very little listeners will be scared and brave all at the same time as the little mouse tries to have the strawberry all for himself.

**Mean Soup** by Betsy Everitt – This recipe may only contain hot water and salt, but it gets out those mean feelings we have after an especially bad day.

**More Spaghetti, I say!** by Rita Golden Gelman – This rhyming text about food and friendship will delight children and spin off into many activities.

**Mouse Paint** by Ellen Walsh – If you're painting with the kids, this story gives lots of information about mixing paint. But it's also a lesson in caution.

**Mud Puddle** by Robert N. Munsch – How does a child get so dirty playing? Maybe it is because she is attacked by a mud puddle. This little girl fights back.

**The Napping House** by Audrey Wood – This story builds as granny and other sleepers pile up on her bed. Lots of places for little ones to chime in as the story is read.

**The Pig in the Pond** by Martin Waddell – This picture book author always has a good story to tell. There are lots of places for the children to join in. Great for a hot summer day!

**Quick as a Cricket** by Audrey Wood – The metaphors in this book are enlightening and fun to act out. Wonderful vocabulary!

**Red is Best** by Kathy Stinson – Clothes in winter, and a refrain for all the listeners to join in on, are several features of this big book. A little girl educates her mother and the listeners on the wonders of the color red.

**Ten Little Mice** by Joyce Dunbar – Count down from ten as these busy mice frolic through their day and one by one head for home.

**Walking Through the Jungle** by Julie Lacome – A toddler walks stomps and creeps through the rhyming text of this traditional English nursery rhyme. There are lots of opportunities for the children to make animal sounds and predictions.

The following are non-fiction books that use photos to illustrate the informational text.

**Life in a Coral Reef** by Melvin Berger

**Life in the Rain Forest** by Melvin Berger

**Remarkable Rocks** by Ron Cole

**Spacebusters the Race to the Moon** by Philip Wilkinson

